

## TEXT FEATURES

### What are Text Features?

A text that you are reading may include a map, chart, or graph. These are features of the text that help you understand the information in the text more clearly.

You may also see a map, chart, or graph by itself too. For instance, you may see a map in a park, which you can read to help find where you are or figure out where you need to go.

### More about Maps

A map is a representation of a section of land. It could be a map of the entire world or of a small park.

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A **scale** on a map helps you measure distance between two places. For example, the scale may read that one inch = 50 miles on the map. A scale is needed on a map since maps can not be drawn to actual size.

Maps often include **symbols**, pictures, to represent the features shown on maps. For example, a map may show a picture of a small tent to show where there is a campground on a map.

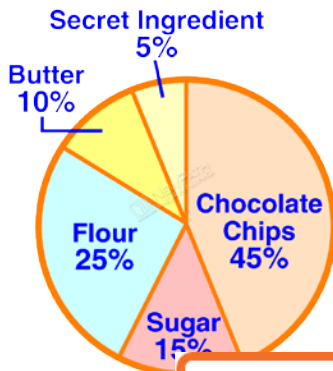
A **legend** lists the symbols used on the map and tells us what each symbol represents.

## Charts

A chart is a visual representation of specific information. Charts are often used to show information in a simple fashion that makes it easy for readers to interpret information quickly.

There are a variety of charts, such as:

### Pie Chart



A pie chart is a circle divided into slices, each representing a portion of a whole. The size of each slice is proportional to the quantity it represents.

For example, if you have a pie that is divided into 10 equal pieces and you eat 3 pieces, you have eaten 3/10 of the pie. If you have a pie that is divided into 10 equal pieces and you eat 3 pieces, you have eaten 3/10 of the pie. If you have a pie that is divided into 10 equal pieces and you eat 3 pieces, you have eaten 3/10 of the pie.

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### Flow Chart

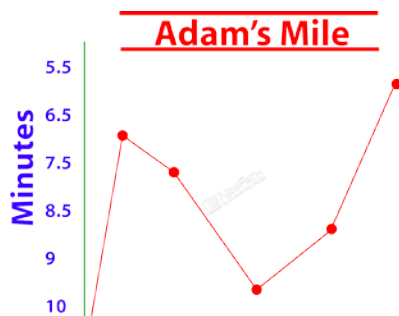
Flow charts have beginnings and often they have several possible outcomes. Flow charts usually represent a set of instructions that needs to be followed. Flow charts usually contain different boxes that each represent something different.

## Graphs

Graphs are also visual representations of specific information. They too are often used to show information in a simple way so that readers can easily and quickly interpret the graph's information.

There are a variety of types of graphs, such as the following graphs that are used often:

### Line graph



A line graph is used to show a period of time over a period of your time.

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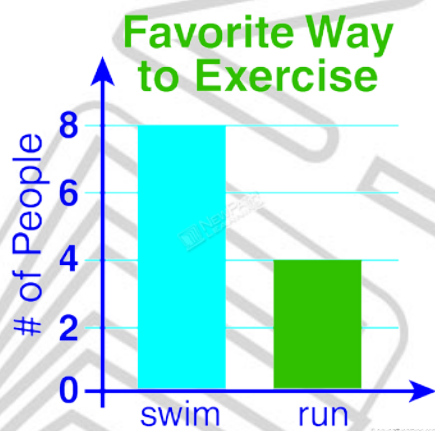


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### Bar graph



A bar graph is used to compare different groups. A bar graph uses...you guessed it...BARS to show specific information.

## Pictograph

### Favorite Pizza Toppings

cheese	
pepperoni	
mushroom	

 = 2 students

A pictograph uses pictures to easily show specific information. It is important to look at the key on a pictograph, since the pictures may represent different types of content.

**Important tip:** When creating your own graph, don't forget the title! Don't forget to label all the necessary parts of your graph too.



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